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**FOR:** BREEDING METHOD OF FEMALE PIG FOR  
PROPAGATION AND FEED FOR FEMALE PIG FOR  
PROPAGATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, between the title and the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD", please add the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation application of Application No. 09/913,739, filed August 17, 2001, which is an application filed under 35 USC §371 of International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP00/06403, filed September 20, 2000. The contents of No. 09/913,739 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--.